GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5379
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CONSTRUCTION OF TOILETS IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the subsidy given for the construction of toilets in rural areas during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise:

(b) the basis of computing the subsidy given for any rural sanitation scheme;

(c) whether the Government propose to enhance the subsidy to make the scheme more attractive;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the manner in which the Government propose to get public involvement in rural sanitation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA)

(a): The Central assistance released by the Governmentfor construction of toilets in rural areas during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise is given in the Annexure.

(b): In view of the experience gained in the past, a shift from high subsidy to a low subsidy regime was adopted as a revised strategy for the restructured Central Rural Sanitation Programme, which came into being w.e.f. 1-4-1999.According to the guidelines of CRSP the funding pattern of subsidy for the Basic Low Cost Units (BLCUs) costing Rs.625/- shall be open to 80% subsidy, to be shared between the Government of India(60%) and the State Government (20%) and shall not exceed Rs.500/- (i.e. Rs.375/- Government of India share and Rs.125/- State share in a BLCU costing Rs.625/-).The Beneficiary is expected to make a minimum contribution of 20% of the BLCU cost.The BLCUs costing between Rs.625/- and Rs.1000/- shall attract a subsidy of 60% to be shared equally between the Government of India(30%) and the State Government(30%), subject to a maximum of Rs.500/- the beneficiary is expected to make a minimum contribution of 40% to the BLCU cost.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): In view of (c) above, question does not arise.

(e): Under the RCRSP the new approach relies on creation of demand for better sanitation services through intensive Information Education and Communication (IEC) campaign. At least 15% of the total TSC project cost has been earmarked for the IEC activities.